

Andalusia, The Billiard Room  
(Nicholas Biddle Estate)  
.3 mile south of State Road  
Andalusia  
Bensalem Township  
Bucks County  
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1248-C

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA	COUNTY BUCKS	TOWN OR VICINITY ANDALUSIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) ANDALUSIA, THE BILLIARD ROOM		HABS NO. PA-1248-C
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) .3 mile south of State Road		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Original portion, 1815-1816; porch removed 1827; second floor added 1835-1836		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This structure, built over an earlier ice house, is one of the more prominent ornamental outbuildings on the estate.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Rubble construction. The structural systems of the first and second floors are masonry bearing wall construction and frame construction respectively.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The two-story building measures 24'-2" X 24'-4". Each elevation is one bay wide.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The first floor walls are stucco over stone. The second floor walls are flush weatherboards. The main entrance is Federal and has an eight-panel door and a lunette. The windows on the second floor porch are French type.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The cellar is the early ice house, which is entered through a bulkhead. The first floor is one room with a stair in the northwest corner. The second floor has a smaller room due to the exterior porch which is pillared. The stair is of the modified winder type, (see p. 2)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES  See "Date of construction"		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE  Good-fair condition.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE  The name Billiard Room comes from Nicholas Biddle's interest in billiard games.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Wainwright, Nicholas B. "Andalusia, Countryseat of the Craig family and of Nicholas Biddle and His Descendants." The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Bibliography (No.1, 1977): 3-69.		
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INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued from p. 1):

with winders only at the first floor level. The balusters are square. A simple but elegant turned newell post and the railing are of maple. The flooring is wood random-width boards. The walls and ceilings are plaster on lath.